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For the record, let it be known that I am unequivacally opposed to the settlement as it stands today. Microsoft will not be punished and they will continue to bully and manipulate their allies, while crushing and otherwise playing as dirty as possible with their competitors.

The bundling and interoperability concepts strike to the heart of the matter...

If Microsoft wants to make Operating Systems, fine, as long as they do not unduly deny or impede access and functionality of competitors' products to said operating system. Futher, said operating system must not be arbitrarily changed to deny other potential competiors from producing compatible and competitive products.

If Microsoft wants to make application software, fine, as long as they do not unduly deny or impede access and functionality of competitors' products to said application's data file structures. Said applications must also retain backwards compatibility with Microsoft's own product, so as to not force upgrading through planned obsolesence. These applications should under no circumstances be required or unfairly enticed by Microsoft to be installed by any vendor, OEM, or reseller, except at their own discretion.

Thank you for your time,
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